

SENATE RESOLUTION 95

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jerri Green in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including Jerri Green, an esteemed attorney and Senior Policy Advisor to Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded professional, Ms. Green works on many issues as a senior policy advisor, from women's health and public safety to refugee assistance and blight remediation. Her accomplishments in this role include leading projects to ensure that over seventy percent of the local prison population was vaccinated at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, finalizing the last group of Shelby County employees to receive a living wage, and establishing a first-of-its-kind free gun lock by mail program; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Shelby County government, Jerri Green was the Interim Executive Director of the Community Legal Center, where she worked to advance the mission of bridging the justice gap in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Green holds a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she graduated with majors in English and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, she has practiced in public interest law in areas ranging from international human rights to criminal defense, in Washington, D.C., Nashville, and Memphis; she has also taught criminal law and juvenile justice for almost a decade through the University of Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, a licensed attorney in the State of Tennessee, Jerri Green is a member of the Memphis Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the Association for Women Attorneys, and the American Inns of Court; she is the past president of the Democratic Women of Shelby County, a member of the board of directors for Girls, Inc., and the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County, and the statewide election lead for the Tennessee Moms Demand Action Chapter; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Ms. Green is the married mother of three young children and enjoys reading and getting outdoors as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Jerri Green during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Jerri Green on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.